Starting programme on AIR and Doordarshan Srinagar withNamaste' and 'Adab' instead to start with 'Slam Walekum' forced by terrorists

1928. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is- a fact that terrorists have forced AIR as well as Doordarshan Srinagar to give up earlier practice of starting programme with 'Namaste' and 'Adab' and instead to start with 'Slam Walekum'; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to provide protection to the staff and restore old practice of starting programme ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Both All India Radio and Doordarshan have not deviated from the past practice regarding announcements at the beginning of transmission and at the end of transmission. However, some casual Announcers did use the words "Salam Walekum"under pressure of militants for a short period before the start of the news. This practice has, however, been discontinued. The State Government has taken appropriate steps to provide security of employees of All India Radio and Doordarshan.

Official meetings of Ambassadors/ High Commissioners of Foreignnations

1929. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that official meetings of the Ambassadors/ High Commissioners of foreign nations, with the Members of the Indian Cabinet and *Vice-versa,* are channelised through his Ministry as a rule; and

(b) whether there has been any instances of breach of the said rule by any member of the present Cabinet; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) According to normal protocol practice, Heads of Mission of foreign countries accredited to India are required to channelise such requests through my Ministry where substantive discussions of policy are involved; while this is not required where discussions of a technical or routine nature are involved.

(b) No instance of breach of this normal protocol practice has come to our notice.

Enforcement of penalty on vehicle owners under Motor Vehicles Act

1930. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to enforce Rule 115(2) of the Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 which prescribes penalty on vehicles with emission over prescribed limits;

(b) whether vehicle owners have represented to Government that it will lead to their harassment at the hands of enforcement agencies;

(c) whether State Government! have brought to notice of Government that such enforcement will be of little help in checking pollutioi on roads because of lack of adequate equipment; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken to provide relief to vehicle owners ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNN1KRISHNAN): (a) to (d) The rule has come into force with effect from 1-3-1990. The notification in this regard was issued on 27-9-1989. Earlier the rule was to come into force from 1st October, 1989 but on requests from the State Governments, the date was extended to 1-3-1990 with the directions to transport authorities in the States, to equip themselves with checking machinery and instruments during the intervening period. The State Governments have been since advised to implement the provisions, with special emphasis on educating the people and making them aware of strict pollution standards for observance.

सवाई माधोपुर में टी०वी० रिले केन्द्र की स्थापना

1931. डा० अबरार अहमद खान : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि सवाई माधोपुर में टी०वी० रिले केन्द्र की स्थापना किया जाना मात्र एक खानापूर्ति है और इस क्षेत्र में रहने वाले लोगों को इससे कोई लाभ होने की सम्भावना नहीं है क्योंकि यह शहर चारों ओर से उंची पहाड़ियों से घिरा हुआ है जबकि रिले केन्द्र को किसी पहाड़ पर न लगाकर पहाड़ की दूसरी तरफ से मैदान में लगा दिया गया है ; क्या सरकार इसे ऊंची पहाड़ी पर किसी उपयुक्त स्थान पर लगाने का विचार रखती है, ताकि यहां के निवासी इससे लाभान्वित हो सकें ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक ;

(ग) इस टी०वी० रिले केन्द्र की क्षमता कितनी है और इससे कितने क्षेत्र एवं व्यक्तियों को लाभ पहुंचने की सम्भावना है ; और

(घ) राजस्थान के उन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां शीघ्र ही टी०वी० रिले केन्द्र स्थापित किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री० पी उपेन्द्र) : (क) से (ग) सवाई माधोपुर की जनता को शीघ्र दूरदर्शन सेवा प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से, जिला प्रशासन द्वारा अन्तरिम उपाय के रूप में उपलब्ध कराये गए वर्तमान स्थल पर बनी बनायी इमारत में एक अल्प शक्ति (100 वाट) दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित किया गया था। यद्यपि स्थानीय भूभाग की स्थिति के कारण ट्रांसमीटर का कवरेज सीमित है, तथापि, सवाई माधोपुर और मान शहर की लगभग 80 प्रतिशत जनसंख्या को इस ट्रांसमीटर से दूरदर्शन सेवा प्राप्त होती है। तथापि, व्यापक कवरेज के लिए ट्रांसमीटर को 100 मीटर उंचे टावर पर लगे एन्टिना सहित स्थायी स्थल पर ले जाया जाएगा। यह काम वर्ष 1991 के दौरान पूरा हो जाने की आशा है।

(घ) यद्यपि जमुआ-रामगढ़ के ट्रांस-पोजर के एक माह के भीतर चालू हो जाने की आशा है, लेकिन सलुम्बर के अल्प शक्ति दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटर का वर्ष 1990 के अन्त तक चालू होने का कार्य-क्रम है।

lephone facility of North of G.T. Road, Shahdra

1932. SHRI ANAND PRAKA-SH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 2924 given in the Rajya Sabba on 27th March. 1989 and state:

(a) the present capacity of the Telephone Exchange with level No. 228 working in the area of North of G.T. Road Shahdra;